

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 7, 14, and 19, stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for lack of antecedent bases. Claims 7, 14, and 19, are amended herein to cure these rejections.

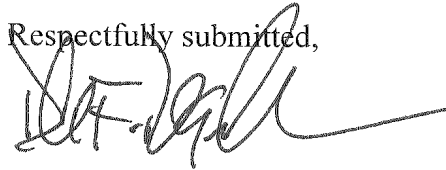
Claim 9 stands objected to. The preamble of claim 9 is amended herein to cure this objection.

Claims 16-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory matter. The preamble for claims 16 through 20, inclusive is amended herein in accord with the Examiner's suggested revision.

No new matter has been entered. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all of the outstanding objections and/or rejections of the claims, Applicants submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance, and an allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them, or credit an overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 502262.

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I hereby certify that on this 15th day of May, 2006, the Amendment A, is being filed via the Web Enabled Patent Filing System (EFT-WEB).

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